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SOVIET SHIPS TO REMOVE OFFENSIVE MISSILES FROM CUBA

Kuznetsov's statement that nine Soviet dry-cargo ships (listed below) are loading in Cuban ports and will shortly depart for the USSR with the offensive missiles appear to be generally accurate. The ships designated by Kuznetsov have the capacity to carry on their decks 49 MRBM's with transporters and, therefore, can carry the 33 MRBM's positively identified in Cuba or the 48 MRBM's which might have been delivered by the USSR to arm the six MRBM sites identified in October. These ships also have the capacity to carry in their hold virtually all of the associated equipment for the MRBM complexes.

<u>Port</u>	<u>Ships</u>	<u>Time in Port</u>	<u>Missile With Transporter Capacity</u>
<u>Casilda</u>	Leninskiy Komsomol	Since 3 Nov	10
	Fizik Kurchatov	Since 3 Nov	10
<u>Havana</u>	Labinsk	Since 24 Oct	2
<u>La Isabella</u>	Alapaevsk	Since 25 Oct	2
Mariel	Bratsk	Since 3 Nov	2 - 4
	Dvinogorsk	Since 2 Nov	2 - 4
	Ivan Polzunov	Since 4-5 Nov	4
	Metallurg Anasov	Since 29 Oct	10
	Volgoles	Since 5 Nov	7

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With the exception of the Bratsk and the Dvinogorsk, all of these ships have been in port long enough to have loaded missiles and transporters and to have departed Cuba by 7 November.

The Labinsk which Kuznetsov indicated would depart Cuba on the 6th of November should be able to depart on this date. She is known to have been in Mariel [REDACTED] and to have 25X1 returned to Havana [REDACTED]. She probably took on a load at Mariel and returned to Havana to take on fuel and bunkers prior to her departure for the USSR.

The schedule and ships named by Kuznetsov are compatible with the information held by us except that [REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] the 25X1 Bratsk leaving the port with three missiles on deck. This may mean that she is now en route the USSR. Or, as in the case of the Labinsk, the Bratsk may be proceeding to Havana to take on bunkers prior to her final departure.

[REDACTED] 25X1 [REDACTED] the Dvinogorsk offshore from the main piers at Mariel. Her hatches were still open although most of the loading apparently was completed. She carried no missiles on deck.

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25X1 The Metallurg Anasov which is also in the port of Mariel had on her decks [REDACTED] 6 missiles and transporters, with an additional two in the process of being loaded. This, combined with the deck cargo on the Bratsk accounts for the 11 missiles and transporters sighted earlier at the Mariel docks.

The two ships known to be at the port of Casilda, the Fizik Kurchatov and the Leninsky Komsomol, have adequate capacity to carry 20 missiles with transporters on their decks. This is more than adequate to carry the 12 missiles and transporters observed earlier near Casilda.

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The small amounts of observed IRBM equipment could probably also be carried on these ships.

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